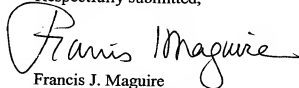


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is filed prior to examination. New claims 22-31 have been added for consideration by the Examiner. The total number of claims is now 31 and the total number of independent claims is now 4. We are enclosing a check in the amount of \$700.00 for payment of 10 claims in excess of 21 total claims already paid for (10 x \$50) plus 1 independent claim in excess of 3 (1 x \$200). If for some reason we have miscalculated this amount, we hereby authorize the commissioner to charge our deposit account 23-0224 for any excess fee associated with this matter. We do not believe that there is any need for extension of time but in case this belief is incorrect, we request this be considered a petition for an extension of time and that the appropriate extension of time be deducted from our deposit account.

Allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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